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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice  
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Re: Jamie Leigh Jones  
Sexual Assault Victim

Dear Madam Secretary:

I write to you directly after unsuccessful attempts to communicate directly with Jenny Foo in the Department of State's Department of Overseas Citizens Services and with Lynn Falanga, a Special Agent in the Department of State's Diplomatic Security, regarding the Department of State's investigation of a case involving my constituent, Jamie Leigh Jones. Jamie Leigh says that she was drugged, gang-raped, and held hostage by coworkers (U.S. citizens) at her employer KBR's camp in the Green Zone in Iraq two years ago.

While KBR held Jamie Leigh in a shipping container, she called her father and asked him for help. Her father called me and my office immediately contacted Department of Overseas Citizens Services. Ms. Jenny Foo dispatched agents from the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad to rescue Jamie Leigh.

Since Jamie has gone public with her case and her file is no longer confidential, I faxed and mailed a December 11, 2007 letter to Jenny Foo, which remains unanswered. I also faxed and mailed a December 11, 2007 letter (attached) to Special Agent Lynn Falanga. The Department of State's main switchboard gave my staff the appropriate mailing address and specifically informed my staff that this was the address for Ms. Falanga. However, this letter was returned to my office today as "undeliverable." Please note that the previous fax communication to Ms. Falanga also remains unanswered.

A lawyer on my staff telephoned Ms. Falanga today to ask why the letter was sent back as "undeliverable" and to request the correct address. Ms. Falanga informed my legislative counsel that she could either send the letter to an Arlington, VA address or send the letter to the Department of State's Legislative Affairs division. Ms. Falanga



further stated that if the letter was sent to Arlington, VA, it would delay an answer because she would simply forward the letter to Legislative Affairs since that division handles all congressional inquiries. This is a bureaucratic mess and a lack of cooperation on the part of the Department of State. Although Ms. Falanga investigated Jamie Leigh's case, it appears that she refuses to answer questions addressed to her and now defers all inquiries to Legislative Affairs.

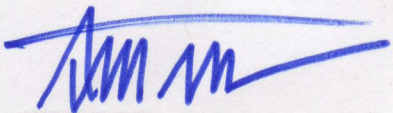
It has been over two years since Jamie Leigh's assault. There has been little, if any, communication from your Department to my office or to the victim. Although Ms. Falanga recently contacted Jamie Leigh, her communications are coincidentally timed with the recent 20/20 report on the case. In light of Jamie Leigh's decision to go public on her case, this case has attracted the attention of Congress. Within one week of learning of Jamie Leigh's case, Chairman John Conyers held a House Judiciary Committee hearing on the "Enforcement of Federal Criminal law to Protect Americans Working for US Contractors in Iraq." While the Department of Justice was invited to attend and to testify at the hearing, it refused to send one of its many attorneys.

Madame Secretary, Jamie Leigh Jones deserves answers from the Department of State. Please address the questions originally asked of Ms. Falanga. What is the status of the Department of State's investigation on Jamie Leigh's case? Has the Department of State turned its findings over to the Department of Justice for possible criminal charges against the offenders? Is there any information on the apparent destruction of Jamie Leigh's "rape kit"?

It is the responsibility of our government to protect the rights of US citizens serving overseas and to prosecute criminals who commit crimes against our citizens.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



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